

Recitation of the Pending Claims

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled).

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A device for minimizing cigarette sidestream smoke and reducing free-burn rate of a burning cigarette, said device comprising:

- i) a non-combustible tubular element encasing an effective length of a tobacco charge of a cigarette located in said tubular element; and
- ii) said tubular element comprising ceramic material and having a predetermined number of pores and predetermined pore sizes a means for minimizing sidestream smoke emission from a burning tobacco charge and reducing restricting inward flow of air to reduce free-burn rate of such burning tobacco charge to increase number of puffs from said burning tobacco charge.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A device for minimizing cigarette sidestream smoke and reducing free-burn rate of a burning cigarette, said device comprising:

- i) a non-combustible tubular element encasing an effective length of a tobacco charge of a cigarette located in said tubular element; and
- ii) said tubular element comprising consisting essentially of porous ceramic material and having a porosity for both minimizing sidestream smoke emission from a burning tobacco charge and reducing free-burn rate of such burning tobacco charge to increase number of puffs from said burning tobacco charge.